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Title : IMPROVED BLOCK ENTROPY CODING IN EMBEDDED BLOCK  
CODING WITH OPTIMIZED TRUNCATION IMAGE COMPRESSION

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's action dated January 6, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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